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It is dollars to marbles that the Grand Jury, when it makes its final report, will display an exceedingly level head.

We wish the Republican Territorial Committee joy of the street spectacle presented yesterday by its candidate for Circuit Judge.

Every litigant has an interest in seeing that the court before whom his case may be brought is able to control its own mental processes.

The total precipitation of this storm as registered at Luakaha is about equal to the total registered rainfall in the coast sections of Southern California for an average year.

Mark Twain doesn't like McKinley but it is perfectly certain that McKinley likes Mark Twain. And so do all Americans. The genial humorist can no more talk himself out of the hearts of his country than he can McKinley.

Before reporters flock to Manila to get \$200 per month salaries they would do well to find out whether payment is made on a United States or a Mexican basis. The Mexican dollar rules the roost in the greater part of the Far East and it is worth about fifty cents.

We present today a likeness of the melancholy Mr. Nation, coupled with an appropriate sentiment from his lips. Mr. Nation had evidently served as an understudy for a saloon warden during the time of Mrs. Nation's apprenticeship. His scars are honorable, however, and he bears them with the resignation which befits the husband of a muscular matron who has made it her life work to see that things should come his way.

THE DRUG PURCHASES.

When the Board of Health wants a cord of wood, or a bolt of linen, or a side of beef, it advertises for tenders; but when it wants drugs or patent rat poison or anything of that kind, it forgets all about tenders and gives the contract to a firm represented by one of its own members. This it has been doing for a long time and the fact not only dissatisfies other Honolulu drug men but it dissatisfies the taxpayers who have to foot the bills.

That the firm in question sells good drugs we do not doubt. Its standing in Mr. Shorey's late report was very fair indeed; but whether it sells drugs to the Board as cheaply as other reputable firms would do if they had the chance, is a matter which can only be decided by competitive bidding. Tenders should be asked for all drugs supplied to the Board of Health. That is straight business—as straight as the other sort is crooked.

The Board of Health has brought down more abuses from the days of the monarchy than any other department of the public service. The lax discipline at Molokai, so far as the intermingling of the clean and unclean was concerned, lasted until the recent exposure in these columns of the danger. The easy-going inspection system in the Honolulu filth belt was continued until the pestilence of last year—a pestilence for which the Board, as we said at the time, was largely responsible. Now comes the favoritism in the matter of drugs. Nothing was commoner than official favoritism under the monarchy and many were the scandals that came of it. Most Governmental bureaus have long since taken warning. But the Board of Health has not seen fit, in its own case, to abate the practice, of which buying drugs from one of its own members, without inviting or permitting competition, is an example.

In many respects the Advertiser admires the present organization of the Board. It has shown more life and vim than has been customary for many years except during the two plagues. There have been signs of an earnest desire to effect useful reforms. But we submit that reforms, like charity, ought to begin at home.

A CHANCE FOR GOOD MEN.

It is time for the solid and public-spirited people of this city to awake from their lethargy and consider the duty they owe to good government. The standards of public morality have been gradually but surely lowered since the arrival, drawn hither by present and future prosperity, of the adventurers and carpet-baggers whom such conditions always attract. These men have been very active, and would have run things with a high hand if Sewall had become Governor; and they are the ones who are loudest in their demands for municipal systems. They have brought us an undignified and sensational judiciary, self-cooking yellow journalism, political machines, rings and extravagance and the prospect of scandalous maladministration if they get the chance to apply it. In fact the old political features of the monarchy are coming in again with a rabble of played-out Mainland politicians whose antecedents are generally bad, behind them.

The remedy for all this is the vigilance and united effort of men who have everything to lose and nothing to gain by bad government. Had there been the right kind of a public movement last summer the Circuit Courts would now be in better hands. But even virtue gets lazy in the tropics, and it is a great sight lazier everywhere than vice and self-asserting humbug.

What Hawaii needs more than anything else politically is a Good Citizenship organization such as Bishop Potter has formed in New York; one that shall aim, not only to keep the city on a plane of reasonable morality, but to defeat all attempts to put scalawags in office. There is a nucleus for such a society but it is not broad enough in its aims nor assertive enough in its work. As things are, about the only active, year-in-and-year-out crusader against gamblers, lead-pipe cinches, lax administration, school book jobbery, political machines, degradation of courts, milk swindlers and tax-raising conspiracies and the like is the Advertiser, and occasionally, in spite of a fair run of success in its endeavors and a steadily increasing circulation, the old paper gets lonesome.

THE TREASURY RAID.

If we understand the Independent aright the taxpayers of the Territory of Hawaii are in duty bound to pay unadjudicated claims to an amount equal nearly to the national debt of Hawaii under the Republic, a large part of which claims may be proper charges against the United States. This the Independent calls "justice," but the right word is robbery; and if the robbery is consummated we say again that the Senators and Representatives who told Delegate Wilcox that native self-government is still on trial in Hawaii will not have to be pressed for relief in vain by the business interests of these Islands.

It is quite true, as the Independent says, that Senators and Representatives do not want to be bothered by small local bills concerning Hawaii when there is a Delegate on hand to take care of them. But an attempt to rob Hawaiian taxpayers of \$3,500,000 to pay unadjudicated claims is a widely different matter. We know the editor of the Independent too well and respect his intelligence too highly to think that he could be made to believe that Bob Wilcox, Delegate though he is, could stand between the American interests of Hawaii and justice at the hands of an American Congress. Suppose the sugar men of these Islands, aided by the great American sugar combine, should ask Congress to save their interests here from spoliation? Suppose they should ask the Administration to do so? Is it likely that they would be referred back to the inconsequential demagogue who temporarily misrepresents Hawaii at Washington? Did not the united business interests show their power sufficiently when they induced a Democratic Congress to stop Grover Cleveland's restoration measures? There were dozens of Bob Wilcox's trying to help Cleveland then but they were brushed aside like flies.

The extra tax proposed is nearly \$24 per capita on a basis of 150,000 population, men, women and children, white, brown and yellow counted in; it would have to be added to the regular tax for the running expenses of the Territorial Government, saying nothing of the possible results of the legislative threat to erect city and county governments besides. Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad, and they have certainly maddened the men who think that their success at last fall's election—a minority success won against divided opposition—entitles them to blight the prosperity of Hawaii in the furtherance of their plans of plunder. Says the Independent:

A large number of property holders demand redress for the wanton destruction of their properties during the plague scare. Their claim is good, as are the claims of men illegally imprisoned in 1895, and of the royal lady foully and viciously ill-treated by existing authorities in those black days, but the "American" organ of Mr. Thurston demands that just claims shall be ignored and claimants swindled on the basis of American methods.

There was no "wanton destruction of property during the plague scare" and the knowledge of the fact is so clear to the fire claimants that they avoid courts and appeal to an irresponsible Legislature. There was some lawful burning for the protection of the public health against the filth which the property owners and tenants, in defiance of law, had permitted to accumulate in the places burned. There were accidental fires also, which swept away a wider area of pest shacks, but accidental fires are a charge against insurance companies, if insurance had been taken out, and not against the taxpayers.

As for the claims of men imprisoned by the Republic of Hawaii in 1895, what has the Territory of Hawaii to do with them? The United States inherited the responsibilities of the Republic and it is to the United States what the foreign Governments to whom many of the claimants bear allegiance are looking. What honest reason can there be for the Legislature of Hawaii trying to relieve the Federal Government of its obligations, providing any real obligations exist?

As for the Queen, if she has any valid claim let her sue for it. The courts are open. It is a confession that she has no legal standing when she seeks so indirect and unusual a way of getting the funds which Congress refused her, funds which she has not earned, and which she has not even a moral claim upon.

If these plans of wholesale depredation crystallize into bills, we assume as a matter of course that the Governor will veto them. If they pass over his veto the next step should be to ask for an injunction against payment from the Treasury on the ground that legislators who cannot understand the English language are disqualified from taking part in the proceedings of a Legislature the official language of which is English. The final step will be a memorial to Congress, signed by men whom neither party can afford to ignore, asking that the men who pay the Hawaiian taxes shall have the sole power to administer them.

The estimate which Circuit Judge Humphreys puts upon the crime of murderous assault, when the accused man happens to be his own friend and employee, is shown in his fixing the Gill bill bond at \$500. That he did this and then accepted his brother-in-law as surety shows how well he has learned the Arizona code of judicial propriety and how little he knows about any civilized code. No wonder he said "the Territory of Arizona" by mistake when he was setting his bench example of favoritism.

Ex-Speaker Reed may take heart from the political resurrection of David B. Hill. Even his turn for the White House may come next.

Resting his eyes: Exchange editor—"I am sorry to say my eyes have gone back on me, and I can't read any more. Can't you give me something else to do?" Managing Editor—"You might do book reviews."—Exchange.

The indignant citizen: "Don't drag my name into print in connection with this absurd affair," cried the indignant citizen; "but if you do, be sure to spell out my middle name in full."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

"Bridget told Mrs. Nextdoor that I was a henpecked fool; shall I discharge her?" "At once! Bridget has no right to tell our family secrets to the neighbors."—Life.

A dreadful state of affairs: He—"Well, we can't believe more than half we hear." She—"Oh, worse than that; I can't believe more than half I say."—Life.

OF CURRENT INTEREST.

Hollanders the Greatest Smokers.

The people of Holland are the greatest smokers in Europe. Tobacco is cheap in their country, and nearly all the grown males find solace in their pipes. The habit is so common that the boatmen of Holland measure distances by smoking, estimating the length of any given journey by the number of pipefuls which may be smoked by a person while covering the distance.

A Literary Actress.

Julia Marlowe carries with her on tour a select library of nearly 300 volumes, ranging from Herbert Spencer's "Data of Ethics" to current popular novels like "When Knighthood Was in Flower," in the dramatized version of which she appears. Miss Marlowe carries few volumes of Shakespeare, for "what she loves best of him is safely treasured up in her heart."

Stood to Lose His Head, Anyway.

The beheaded murderer of the German Minister at Peking was a soldier who was on sentinel duty, under orders to shoot any foreigner who came along. He did as he was ordered, as soldiers must. Otherwise, he would have been beheaded for insubordination. It was hard luck on the soldier, whose head was to be chopped off anyway.

A Fortune for a Handsome Tenor.

There is a lively demand in London now for a socially presentable tenor. Miss Reeves having died and Edward Lloyd retired, there is a dearth of available vocal material of the quality most in requisition for drawing-rooms, and Vanity Fair intimates that a personable tenor with a satisfactory voice can count on an income of \$100,000 a year.

Well Ventilated Warship.

The new Japanese cruiser Yakumo, which was built at Settin and recently sailed for Japan, has so far given the greatest satisfaction. The system of ventilation is so perfect, it is asserted, that during her passage of the Red Sea the temperature of the engine and boiler rooms was not much more than half that in British ships.

Wasted Effort.

The poet Swinburne recently said that if early in life he had made it a rule to answer only such letters as came from friends and relatives, his contributions to literature would have been augmented by the addition of at least three volumes.

Salisbury a Relic Faddist.

Lord Salisbury is a collector of historic relics, and his house at Hatfield is full of the results of his researches. He owns among these the cradle in which Queen Elizabeth was rocked as a baby.

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If you're sore
To the core,
With aching bones,
And husky tones,
When you speak,
And you're weak
In the knees,
And you sneeze,
And often cough,
Your head near off,
And you note
That your throat
Feels quite raw,
And your jaw
Feels as if
You'd got a blif,
And dull pains
Over your brains,
Then you've caught it,
You have got it—
It's the grip.

If you feel
The heat steal
Over your frame
Like a flame,
Till you burn
And you yearn
For chunks of ice
At any price,
Then like a flash
The shivers dash
From head to feet,
A chill complete,
And you shake,
And you quake,
And there's desire
For a fire,
And something hot
Right on the spot
To quickly drink,
And you think
Right there and then
You'll never be warm again,
Then you've caught it,
You have got it—
It's the grip.

It's in the air,
It's everywhere;
The microbe of the grip
Is on another trip,
And up and down,
Through all the town,
By night and day,
It seeks its prey,
And it's the sad
If you are sad,
Or even mad,
Or if you sneeze,
Or cough or wheeze,
Or feel too warm,
Or chills alarm,
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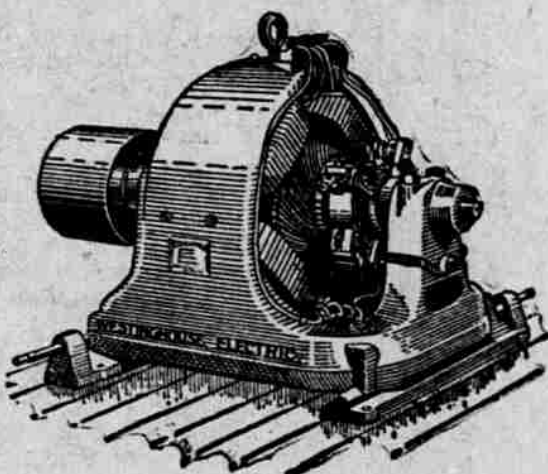
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